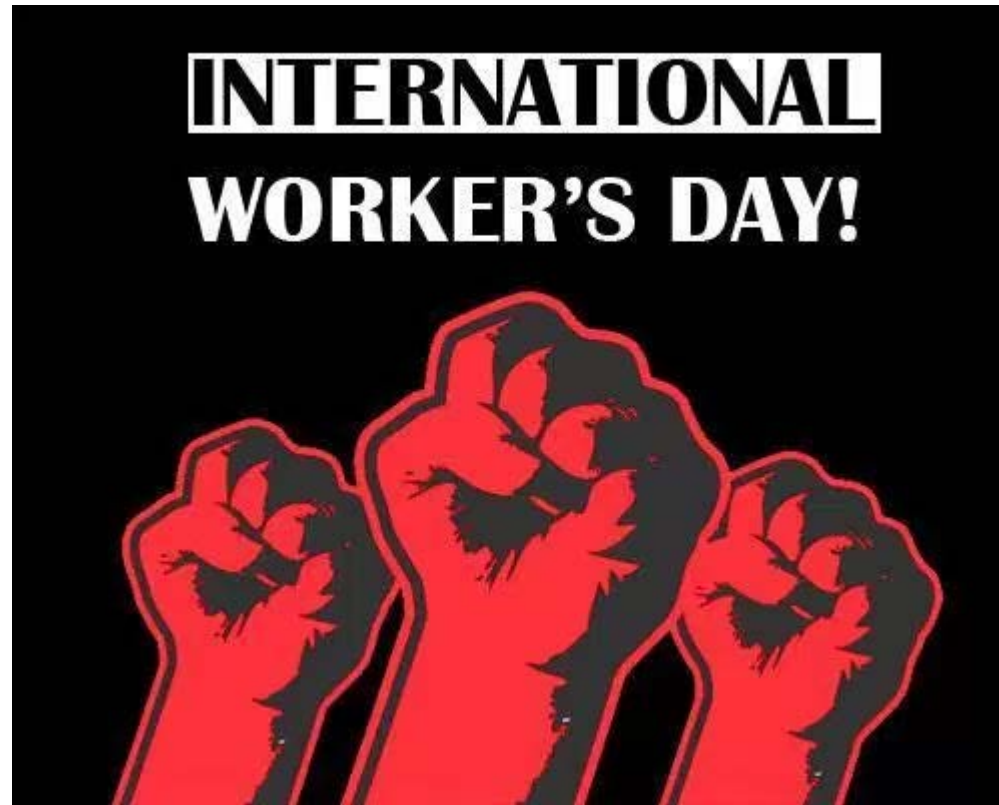


May 1:

International Workers' Day



Labor rights in USA

- What is a fair number of hours to work each day?
- What is a fair minimum wage per hour?
- What is the minimum wage in the USA?
- What are people trying to raise the minimum wage to?

Origins of the labor movement in the USA

- In the early 1800s, people were working 16, 18, or 20 hours a day
- Workers fought to reduce the number to 10 hours per day
 - Often they only earned \$1.50/day
- Once the 10 hour day was established, they fought for an 8 hour day

First International Labor Day

- May 1, 1886: over 300,000 workers went on strike across the USA
- In Chicago, strikes continued until May 4, where a protestor threw a bomb at police
 - Police shot and killed four protestors
- These killings represented the struggle of workers worldwide
- May 1 became International Workers' Day and eventually the 8 hour working day was implemented

International Workers' Day in the USSR

- May 1 (or May Day) was one of the most important holidays in the Soviet Union – Why?
 - Workers brought about the communist state
 - Without workers state would not succeed
 - Everyone in USSR was required to work
- Parades took place in villages, towns and cities and EVERYONE had to attend
- Propaganda posters symbolized the importance of this day
- <http://www.widewalls.ch/10-propaganda-posters-from-soviet-union-for-international-workers-day/>